

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that the present application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-7 and 25 drawn to a post clamp, classified in class 24, subclass 455.

Group II: Claims 8-18, drawn to a molten metal pump, classified in class 266, subclass 239.

Group III: Claims 19-24, drawn to a support post, classified in class 52, subclass 720.

In response, Applicant elects for prosecution Group II claims 8-18, without traverse, and requests withdrawal, without prejudice or disclaimer, of the non-elected claims.

If there are any issues that the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

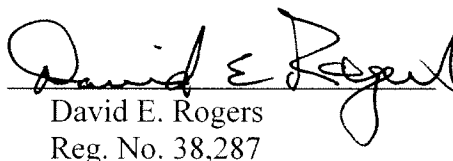
Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 19-3878**.

Respectfully submitted,

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